

Public Hearing Notice

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing is concerning the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 State Grant Application under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities of Education Act (IDEA) and the proposed revision, as part of the application, of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota Article 24:05 Special Education.

YOU ARE INVITED - All interested local education agencies, individuals affected by this program and other interested institutions, organizations, and individuals in the planning for the operation of this program are invited to attend one of six public hearings scheduled across the state. Individuals will be able to comment on proposed recommendations for the FFY 2007 Part B IDEA State Grant and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota Article 24:05 Special Education revisions, which will guide Special Education Programs projects for the 2007-2008 school year.

THE PART B GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY – The Part B grant application includes the following sections: Section 1 – Submission Statement for Part B of IDEA and Conditional Approval for Current Grant Year; Section 2 – Assurances Related to Policies and Procedures, Other Assurances and Certifications; Section 3 – Description of Use of Funds Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(5); 34 CFR §300.171; and Section 4 – State Administration.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE:

The proposed application is available for public review from February 9, 2007 through April 13, 2007 and public comment from February 9, 2007 through March 12, 2007.

The Part B Grant Application can be found online at the following link:

<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/specialed/index.asp>

Public Comments may be sent to:

Special Education Programs

Public Comment on Part B Grant Application

700 Governors Drive

Pierre, SD 57501-2291

Public Comment will also be accepted at the following locations:

February 20, 2007

TIE Office

Quartz Room

1925 Plaza Blvd.

Rapid City, SD

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

February 22, 2007

Governor's Inn

700 West Sioux Ave.

Pierre, SD

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

February 28, 2007

Beresford Public Library

Community Room

115 South 3rd St.

Beresford, SD

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

March 1, 2007
Brookings Days Inn
2500 E. 6th Street
Brookings, SD
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

March 5, 2007
Mid Central Ed. Coop
612 South Main St.
Platte, SD
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

March 9, 2007
Mobridge Pizza Ranch
1209 10th St. W.
Mobridge, SD
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Copies of the Part B Grant Application are available upon request at the Department of Education, Special Education Programs office.

Public comment may be made at any of the Public Hearings scheduled above.

Questions concerning this notice can be referred to Ann Larsen, Special Education Programs, South Dakota Department of Education (605) 773-3678.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made available at the public hearings upon request. Interpreters will also be available upon request to Special Education Programs. Individuals who seek additional information regarding the hearings may call Ann Larsen, Special Education Programs, South Dakota Department of Education (605) 773-3678.

Space may be limited in some locations: persons planning to attend a hearing should pre-register by calling Merle Doolittle at 605-773-3678 or sending an e-mail to merle.doolittle@state.sd.us . Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes of testimony. Attendees must sign in upon arrival.

All speakers will need to provide a written copy of their testimony. Individuals who are unable to attend may submit comments to Part B Application, Special Education Programs, Attention: Ann Larsen, 700 Governors Dr., Pierre, SD 57501-2291, or e-mail them to ann.larsen@state.sd.us . Written comments must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2007. E-mail comments must also be sent by this date.